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General Comment

Clearly, our community depends on clean water for our health, livelihoods and economic security.

Unfortunately, pollution is killing the Chesapeake and hundreds of other rivers and creeks in the region. All this pollution gets collected into the bay, which is no better shape today than it was 25 years ago.

You now have the unique opportunity to do something about it, and the time has come to put strong, enforceable water safety standards in place to protect our homes, support our economy and ensure that our streams and rivers are healthy today and for our children's future.

I urge you to develop a strong pollution diet in my state that holds us all accountable for the pollution that is harming our wildlife and damaging our local economy. It is imperative that these plans address all sources of pollution and demonstrates how reductions will be gained. Citizens across this state and the region need your help to keep our water clean and protected.

By the way, there are some easy ways to reduce pollution and help the economy at the same time. For example, requiring all manure from agricultural operations to be used to make biogas to run small power plants or produce heat, and not simply left in lagoons would drastically reduce pollution, produce energy, and reduce greenhouse gases. It is incomprehensible that this is not required.